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More than 90,000 Americans suffering from dire illness anxiously await the donation of a life-saving heart, liver, kidney, lung or pancreas for transplant, and many more are in desperate need of donated bone, skin, connective tissue, and corneas to regain a normal lifestyle.

In early 2005, California joined 33 other states in allowing its residents to officially register their commitment to donate life, and since its inception, more than 125,000 Californians have signed on to “Donate Life California”, the private, nonprofit, state-authorized organ and tissue donor registry dedicated to saving the lives of thousands of Californians awaiting life-saving transplants.

Now in its fourth year, the “Southern California Donate Life Run/Walk”, supports public awareness and enrollment efforts for the Donate Life California organ and tissue donor registry, with a full day of competitive running, honorary walking, ceremony and family festivities, and providing helpful information regarding Donate Life.

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The Southern California Donate Life Run/Walk is a wonderful opportunity for companies and residents to join together to take action to help save lives and strengthen families.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board declare April, 2006 as National “Donate Life” month and urge all County residents to join in the various activities being held throughout the County and State, including the Southern California Donate Life Run/Walk on Saturday, April 29, 2006, which help educate and inspire people to donate life!

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